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In re Application of:

**ROD ROSS et al.**

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Filed: Unknown

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
PERFORMING OPHTHALMIC  
PROCEDURES**

Examiner: Unknown

Art Group: Unknown

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

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Sir:

The applicant would like to file the following preliminary amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 2, line 1, please add the following priority data:

**--REFERENCE TO CROSS-RELATED APPLICATIONS**

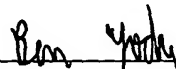
This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/635,820, pending, which is a continuation of Application No. 369,406, filed on August 5, 1999, U.S. Pat. No. 6,258,111, which is a continuation of Application No. 943,485, filed on October 3, 1997, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 739,640, filed on October 30, 1996, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 660,520, filed on June 7, 1996, abandoned.--

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The applicant hereby requests that the Examiner enter this amendment and  
examine the above-entitled application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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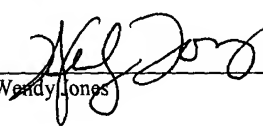
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